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Legislative Record

OF THE

Ninety-first Legislature

Special Session

April 17, 1944

HOUSE

Tuesday, April 18, 1944.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robbins Aŭgusta. Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Marsans of

Monmouth, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of State furnish to the office of the Clerk of the House 3 copies of the 1943 Session Laws.

On motion by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Robert Heigham of Wiscasset, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House tomorrow morning, April 19th.

On motion by Mr. Rollins of

Greenville, it was

ORDERED, that the entire problem of the tax on intangible personal property be referred to the Legislative Research Committee. With the knowledge that under the present law it is impossible for local tax assessors to uphold the Constitution of Maine in relation to such tax, said committee is requested to study the problem and to make whatever recommendations it deems advisable to the Ninety-second Legislature.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Conveyance and Deed of Gift of twenty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-two (24,682) acres of land in township five (5) range ten (10) W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County, Baxter State Park (S. P. 500)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be en-acted, signed by the Speaker and

sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair has in possession communication a which it will ask the Clerk to read. "April 18, 1944.

Hon. F. Ardine Richardson, Speaker of the House.

Dear Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the House of the Ninety-first Legislature, effective as of this date, April 18, 1944.

Very truly.

(Signed) Hamlin C. Osgood.

The communication was received and placed on file, and the name of Hamlin C. Osgood was stricken from the rolls of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state this leaves the elected membership of the House at one hundred and thirty-nine as of this date

Paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or resolve be received at this Special Session unless by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, except such as relate directly to the voting by the members of the armed forces of the United States or are serving in the Merchant Marine of the United States; or are attached to and serving with the United the armed forces of States as members of the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, or the United Service Organizations:

 \mathbf{BE} IT FURTHER OR-AND DERED, the House concurring, that any bill or resolve which shall be re-ceived in either branch of this Legislature by unanimous consent shall be referred to the 92nd Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence. These Orders shall not apply to such bills or resolves as are intended only to facilitate the business of the 91st Legislature.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule 25 was suspended to permit smoking for the remainder of today's session.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House Order limiting reception of legislation. (H. P. 1378) tabled on April 17th by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, pending passage.
On motion by Mr. Sleeper, the

Order was indefinitely postponed. The SPEAKER: It appears that the House has now acted upon all matters ready for its consideration. The Chair is advised, however, that there is a probability that the Joint Committee, which will hold a hearing this afternoon, may be in a position to report later this afternoon, and it is for the House to decide whether or not the House should recess until a stated time.

On motion by the gentlewoman from Bangor, Miss Clough,

Recessed until five o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess-5:15 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

From the Senate: The following communication: (S. P. 507)

MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature, met in Special Ses-

sion:
The Maine Development Commission transmits herewith, a progress report on post-war planning.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Everett F. Greaton
Executive Secretary

Came from the Senate, ordered placed on file.

In the House, the communication was taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Mr. Braley of Augusta, presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the

91st Legislature learned with profound sorrow of the untimely death on June 3, 1943, of Miss Armorel S. Hanks, the Official Reporter for this Legislature and Assistant Feporter of the 90th Legislature, and

WHEREAS, in her associations with the members of this House, her faithfulness and accuracy in her duties was recognized and fully appreciated, and

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives feel in her passing a distinct loss to her chosen field of activity and a genuine grief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the State of Maine mourns the loss of a faithful and valued public servant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered in the Journal of the House and a copy transmitted to the mother of the deceased.

The Resolution was read and adopted.

From the Senate: The following Order: (Out of order)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for mileage the amounts included in lists certified by the State Controller and the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House respectively.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.